



Date: November 17, 2004
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2004
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Richard L. Miller, Chair
Bradley Whyte, Vice Chair
Mike Reed
Holly Carpenter
Harry Hutton
Mike Malbon
Randy Crawford
Peter Hogenson
David Calhoun

Commissioners Absent

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Grant Jeffries, Capt., Marine Safety, LBFD
Dennis Sullivan, Sergeant, Marine Patrol
Christine Sanburg, Supt., Marine Maint.
Robert Lafoon-Villegas, Admin.Analyst, 2nd Dist.
Avonne Gravel, Admin.Analyst, 3rd Dist.

Guests

Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Joe Segura, Press Telegram
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA
Lanny Vilensky
Ed Vilensky
Gary Yeo
Robyn Poirier
Brig Knauer
G. Hyense
Bud Johnson
Margaret Long, Aquarium of the Pacific

Chairman Miller convened the meeting at 2:40 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff, and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The October 14, 2004, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Miller indicated that for the future, the Bureau Manager's Report would follow New Business and Old Business in the Commission meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval stated that the City is slowing down the process for a restaurant proposal in ABM Basin 3. A consultant was hired to develop a conceptual design, and the Department is now ready to go out for a Request for Proposal. However, this week the Department was asked by a developer of the Seaport Marina Hotel to hold off on the process and let them share some potential ideas. Hence, the Department is not going forward with the proposal at this time. He said that the Local Costal Program allows for two more restaurants in the ABM area, and that as the economy heats up, the City receives more development requests. A restaurant in this area can bring \$100,000 a year to Tidelands in revenue.
- The MAC heard an appeal by Lanny Vilensky. Chairman Miller stated that the MAC had reviewed Mr. Vilensky's letters in which Mr. Vilensky requests immediate transfer into the Alamitos Bay Marina ahead of other permittees waiting on the Transfer List. Mr. Vilensky read his list of reasons why he should be allowed to transfer ahead of others with earlier dates.

Mr. Sandoval reported that Mr. Vilensky had been contacted for a slip in LBSM over a decade ago, however he was not ready to accept it at that time and transferred to another size slip with a longer wait time. He was again contacted and still was not ready to accept a slip and at that time went on the Passover List. Once on the Passover List, it is up to the boatowner to contact the Marine Bureau when they are ready to accept a slip. A boater is allowed to wait on the Passover List for one year and if they do not reactivate before their year is up they are then removed from the Passover List. The Bureau heard from Mr. Vilensky again about eleven years later.

Mark Sandoval said that the Bureau did accommodate Mr. Vilensky by allowing him into the LBSM, however he said that he would not allow Mr. Vilensky to circumvent the Transfer List and go ahead of other permittees who have been waiting to transfer to ABM.

Chairman Miller commented that the Bureau did circumvent the Waiting List already once for Mr. Vilensky and gave him a slip in LBSM.

Vice Chairman Whyte agreed with Chairman Miller, and wondered why Mr. Vilensky waited eleven years to contact the Bureau for a slip. He agreed with the Bureau that Mr. Vilensky should not be allowed to jump ahead of other permittees waiting on the Transfer List.

Commissioner Crawford also agreed and commented that Mr. Vilensky had already been accommodated by being allowed to circumvent the Waiting List.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Whyte and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter that the MAC reject the appeal by Mr. Vilensky to be allowed to circumvent the Transfer the List to ABM. The motion passed with seven members in favor and two abstentions.

- Margaret Long reported that the Aquarium of the Pacific has received 1.7 million dollars in grant monies from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, to tell the story of the Watershed. She asked for the MAC's approval and endorsement of this project. She presented four design options and explained that "Our Watershed Story" was the favorite pick. There was a discussion with comments and suggestions made by the MAC. She said that Mark Sandoval would be involved in all final decisions regarding this project. She said that she would come back before the MAC as the plans evolve. The build component of the money will not be received until 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the MAC approve the conceptual design (presented by the Aquarium of the Pacific to tell the story of the Watershed) as described. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of October.

- Mark reported that the Bureau is looking at the possibility of installing temporary docks in ABM to accommodate vessels during the ABM rebuild. This will hopefully allow the Bureau to not have to rely on using LBSM slips for ABM boatowners while ABM is being rebuilt.
- Mark Sandoval said that a Bathymetric Survey has been done for ABM, however it is not known where the dredge material will be deposited. Sediment samples turned out cleaner than anticipated, however not clean enough to put on the beach due to too many mussels.

Maintenance Operations Report

Chris Sanburg gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of October.

- 250 requests for service were completed for the month of October.
- Over 480 tons of debris was removed from the beaches after the last heavy storms.
- The Christmas trees are in place in ABM. Lighting of the trees will be done on Thanksgiving weekend.
- 30 tons of debris was removed from the RBH after the last storm.

- Commissioner Crawford remarked that during the last storm, the boom in Shoreline Village should have been deployed sooner in order to be effective. It was explained that the equipment used to set the boom in place was not working at the time. However Mark Sandoval agreed and stated that the Department would be ready to handle such needs in the future.
- Beach Maintenance is ensuring that the berms are in place to protect against the high tides expected next week.
- It was explained that any effort that the City undertakes for an event is charged to the event holder.

Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Captain Grant Jeffries gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of October.

- A new rescue boat operator will be hired this Saturday.
- Upgrades on the navigational electrical equipment for the rescue boats will be completed this month.
- Three new John Deer engines were purchased through a grant from DBAW.
- Boat rescues and pumpouts were up last month due to two days of storms.
- Two Christmas boat parades will be held on the same night in December. Lifeguard rescue boats will be on scene monitoring the parades at both marina locations.
- The Marine Safety Superintendent and Rescue Boat Captain inspected the "Dragon" that participates annually in the Naples Christmas Boat Parade. They found that the "Dragon" needs a lot of work. Marine Safety is in the process of setting a meeting with those involved with the dragon boat to discuss concerns regarding its participation in the parade.
- Chairman Miller reported that electric boats are becoming an issue in the Naples canals. Mark Sandoval stated that the Bureau has begun somewhat routine meetings with the Naples residents. Captain Jeffries stated that the Marine Stadium boat makes rounds three to four times a week through the canals; however, this is harder to do during summer months due to other patrol needs.

Marine Patrol Report

LBPD Sergeant Sullivan reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of October.

- The Marine Patrol Division recently received ten new bikes.
- Officer John DeLeon has been promoted to Marine Patrol Sergeant.
- Marine Patrol officers were involved in the capture of four Juveniles who are being charged with commercial burglary and an attack on sharks at the Aquarium of the Pacific.
- A Marine Patrol officer, along with Lifeguards, responded to a report of a woman screaming in ABM, Gangway 7. The woman was pulled out of the water and released to her boyfriend.
- Marine Patrol officers were involved in the capture of a man and woman involved in a stolen car incident.
- The Department of PRM, the LBPD and the U.S. Coast Guard have entered into an agreement (Marsec Agreement) to formalize patrol procedures (marina security levels) in the RBH area. Copies of these procedures will be given to the MAC.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.
- There will be no MAC meeting or sub-committee meetings held in December, with the exception of the Finance Committee, which will meet on Thursday, December 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the ABM office.

Operations Committee

- All items covered

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on Facilities Committee issues:

- Plans have been submitted for the Aqualink in ABM.
- The Water Department and Public Works Department are not in agreement as to who is responsible for modifications to the sewer pump system at the Belmont Pier.
- An application has been submitted by someone interested in operating the restaurant and the mooring buoys at the Belmont Pier.
- There has been no movement on LBSM landscape and fencing project.
- Cal Trans is reluctant to allow the sound wall to be built at Basin 8.
- The Department is trying to find money to finish the job of installing pavers in the LBSM. The Department is hoping to tie this project in with the LBSM rebuild project.
- Commissioner Reed distributed a letter he drafted to Public Works regarding marine projects. He will finalize it for the January MAC meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is set for January 13, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk